

## Division of Community Nutrition

<i>Subject:</i> <b>Income Exclusions</b>		<i>Policy:</i> <b>CRT 05.2.3 - C</b>
<i>Reference:</i> <b>CFR § 246.7</b>	<i>Effective:</i> <b>August 12, 2013</b>	<i>Supersedes:</i> <b>July 2, 2007</b>

### I. Policy:

Specific income sources are not included as gross income for the purpose of WIC income eligibility determination.

### II. Procedure(s):

A. Benefits or income from the following sources shall not be included in determining gross income:

- 1) Federal work assistance or volunteer programs
  - a. Job Training Partnership or Carl D. Perkins Vocational Education Program payments
  - b. Volunteer payments or allowances received under AmeriCorps, VISTA or similar programs
  - c. Income received for services performed under the Domestic Volunteer or Small Business Programs
- 2) The following public assistance programs:
  - a. SNAP / Food Stamp Program
  - b. The National School Lunch Program
  - c. Disaster relief payment
  - d. Home energy or housing assistance payments
- 3) Student financial assistance received under Title IV-Higher Education Act for costs related to attendance at the educational institution shall not be included as gross income to the extent the costs do not include room and board or dependent care expenses. These programs include:
  - a. Pell Grants, National Direct Student Loans, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Student Incentive Grants, PLUS, College Work Study, Byrd Honor Scholarship programs
- 4) Other income exclusions
  - a. Payments with written documentation that they are reimbursements for lost assets or for injuries, such as:
    1. Amounts received from insurance companies for loss or damage of real or personal property, such as home or auto.
    2. Payments for a specific expense incurred by the household, such as payment of medical bills resulting from an accident or injury.

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- b. Bank loans, including short-term, non-secured loans to which the applicant / participant does not have constant or unlimited access. Examples include payday loans, cash advances, and personal loans.
  - c. Income from payments under Native American claims and settlement programs
  - d. Payments received to purchase child care
  - e. See policy on military income regarding educational assistance payments and other payments or allowances received
- B. The value of in-kind benefits not received in cash, such as housing, shall not be included as gross income.